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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM WINNIE MANDELA TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT
TO LETTER FROM WINNIE MANDELA WHICH WAS SENT TO US UNDER
COVER OF OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETTER FROM HARVEY NELSON.
IF THERE IS TO BE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE, DRAFT LETTER
MUST BE SENT TO WHITE HOUSE BY COB JULY 19. WE WOULD,
THEREFORE,BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE WITH
RESPECT TO ADVISABILITY OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
MRS. MANDELA. TEXT OF HER LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QTE DEAR MR. CARTER, I AM GRATEFUL TO MR. RICHARD
STEMPLE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY HE HAS GIVEN ME OF EXCHANGING
AN INFORMAL NOTE WITH YOU AT A TIME WHEN THINGS ARE VERY
DIFFICULT IN MY COUNTRY.
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3. QTE THE INTEREST YOU HAVE SHOWN IN OUR PROBLEMS DURING
THE BRIEF PERIOD OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS HIGHLY
APPRECIATED. WE ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
DEEP AND SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ON THE PART OF THE BLACK MAN
IN OUR COUNTRY ABOUT THE U.S. POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
PARTICULARLY OUR COUNTRY.

4. QTE WE LOOK FORWARD TO WITNESSING THE SINCERITY OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT OVERESTIMATING WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP US REALISE THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.

5. QTE I WISH TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST TO YOU WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS A DIFFICULT ONE. PLEASE HELP US WITH THE RELEASE OF OUR LEADERS FROM ROBBER ISLAND TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION. ONLY THOSE MEN CAN SAVE THIS GRIM SITUATION AND THE INEVITABLE CRISIS OUR COUNTRY IS FACING.

6. QTE WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVES IN OUR COUNTRY, NOR HAVE WE A CHOICE.

7. QTE WITH BEST WISHES AND HOPE FOR FUTURE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

8. QTE YOURS SINCERELY, NOMZAMO WINNIE MANDELA. UNQTE VANCE

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